

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the above-identified Office Action in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 10 and 12-14 are now pending in the application, with Claim 10 being independent. Claims 1-5, 7, 11, and 16 have been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of their subject matter. Claim 10 has been amended. Support for the amendment can be found throughout the originally-filed disclosure, including, for example, in Fig. 4 and page 28, line 26 through page 29, line 3, of the Specification. Accordingly, Applicant submits the amendment includes no new matter.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-5, 7, 10-14, and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yokoyama et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,340,810).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Nevertheless, without conceding the propriety of the rejection and solely to advance prosecution, Applicant has amended independent Claim 10 to clarify certain features of the invention not disclosed or suggested by Yokoyama et al. To this end, Applicant submits the pending claims are allowable over Yokoyama et al., for at least the following reasons.

Yokoyama et al. appears to disclose a device comprising, *inter alia*, a heating roller 11, within which an induction coil 42 is wound around a bobbin 41. See, e.g., Yokoyama et al., Fig. 2, and col. 5, lines 30-42.

Applicant submits, however, that Yokoyama et al. fails to teach or suggest the coil to be provided in parallel with a generatrix of the heating roller. Moreover, Yokoyama et al. does

not specify how the coil is formed. Accordingly, Yokoyama et al. fails to teach or suggest “a coil having conductive portions provided in parallel with a generatrix of [a] rotatable conductive member, [the] coil being formed by punching a metal plate out in a coil-shape in a press working and shaped by bending a cross section of [the] coil in an arc-shape in a bending working,” as recited in Claim 10.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that Yokoyama et al. fails to teach or suggest the invention as recited in independent Claims 1 and 10.

The remaining claims in the present application are dependent claims that depend directly or indirectly from Claim 10 and are, therefore, allowable over Yokoyama et al. for at least the reasons noted above with respect to Claim 10. In addition, each of these claims recite features of the invention still further distinguishing it from Yokoyama et al. Favorable and independent consideration thereof is respectfully sought.

Applicant respectfully submits that all outstanding matters in this application have been addressed and that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the above application are respectfully sought.

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